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SUBJECT: ISRAELI USE OF CBUS IN LEBANON

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON CALLED ISRAELI MINISTER BAR-ON FEBRUARY 5 TO POINT OUT THAT IN LIGHT OF SENATOR ABOUREZK'S CHARGES ON CBS TELEVISION FEBRUARY 5 RE ISRAEL'S USE OF CBUS AGAINST REFUGEE CAMPS IN LEBANON DECEMBER 2, 1975, WE WOULD NEED FACTS OF THE MATTER IN ORDER TO HANDLE PRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL QUESTIONS. ATHERTON ASKED THAT BAR-ON REQUEST REPORT FROM JERUSALEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE ALSO ASKED BAR-ON FOR GOI'S VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO HANDLE THIS ISSUE WITH PRESS.

2. ATHERTON CONTINUED THAT ABOUREZK'S CHARGE INCLUDED CLAIM THAT ISRAELI USE OF CBUS ON DECEMBER 2 WOULD BE VIOLATION OF U.S.-ISRAEL AGREEMENT THAT SUCH WEAPONS BE USED ONLY AGAINST CLEARLY MILITARY TARGETS. ATHERTON RECALLED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT SUCH AGREEMENT WAS REACHED WHEN FIRST CBU'S WERE SOLD TO ISRAEL IN AUGUST 1970. BAR-ON SAID HE WAS AWARE OF CBS AIRING OF THIS ISSUE AND HE UNDERTOOK TO SEEK INFORMATION FROM JERUSALEM.
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BAR-ON WENT ON, HOWEVER, TO POINT OUT THAT IN HIS VIEW

FEDAYEEN USE OF REFUGEE CAMPS HIT ON DECEMBER 2 WAS WELL
KNOWN, WAS DOCUMENTED BY JOURNALISTS AT THE TIME, AND PUT

SUCH AREAS CLEARLY WITHIN DEFINITION OF MILITARY TARGET.
ATHERTON SAID HE WAS NOT JUDGING THE ISSUE AT THIS
POINT BUT WANTED TO GET ALL THE FACTS FIRST. KISSINGER

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